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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the office action dated January 10, 2006, please enter the following amendments and comments into the file of this application.

A **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

No fee is believed to be due for the filing of this amendment. Should any fees be required, however, please charge them to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.